

DoD Contracts and Loans

- Secretary Hegseth, what are the Office of Strategic Capital's (OSC) criteria for awarding loans, and how does OSC weigh these criteria in making loan decisions?
- Secretary Hegseth, in 2025, Vulcan Elements received a \$620 million loan from OSC. Vulcan Elements is backed by venture capital firm 1789 Capital, where Donald Trump Jr. is a partner. With regard to the Vulcan Elements loan specifically, how did DoD's OSC office decide to award the company this \$620 million loan?
- Secretary Hegseth, was the loan to Vulcan Elements a competitive process?
- Secretary Hegseth, if so, what were the criteria used to determine which company would receive the \$600 million OSC loan?
- Secretary Hegseth, how many companies competed for the \$620 million OSC loan?
- Secretary Hegseth, for the \$600 million OSC loan, was Vulcan Elements the highest rated competitor?
- Secretary Hegseth, if Vulcan Elements was not the highest rated competitor, which company was rated higher, and why did they not receive the loan?
- Secretary Hegseth, please provide a list of all DoD officials that were screened or otherwise questioned by Donald Trump Jr. prior to their appointment at DoD.
- Secretary Hegseth, were any of those officials involved in contract or loan decisions related to companies owned by 1789 Capital or any other company in which Mr. Trump, Jr. had a financial interest?
- Secretary Hegseth, please provide a list of all meetings, calls, and correspondence DoD officials have had with Donald Trump Jr. from November 5, 2024, to present day.
- Secretary Hegseth, please provide a list of each DoD contract awarded to Vulcan Elements.
- Secretary Hegseth, in September 2025, drone company Unusual Machines, in which Mr. Trump Jr. reportedly holds a multimillion-dollar stake and for which he serves as an advisory board member, received a \$12.8 million DoD contract.

Please provide a list of each DoD contract awarded to drone company Unusual Machines.

- Secretary Hegseth, was the award process for each contract awarded to Unusual Machines a competitive process?
- Secretary Hegseth, if the award process for each contract awarded to Unusual Machines was a competitive process, what were the criteria used to determine which company would receive a DoD contract?
- Secretary Hegseth, how many companies competed for each DoD contract awarded to Unusual Machines?
- Secretary Hegseth, was Unusual Machines the highest rated competitor for each contract?
- Secretary Hegseth, if Unusual Machines was not the highest rated competitor for each contract, which company was rated higher, and why did they receive the contract?
- Secretary Hegseth, did any conversations about the production of drones or drone parts between you or your representatives and Donald Trump Jr. occur leading up to your confirmation?
- Secretary Hegseth, if conversations between you or your representatives and Donald Trump Jr. occurred leading up to your confirmation, please detail the date[s] and content[s] of the conversation[s] and who else participated.
- Secretary Hegseth, did any conversations about the production of drones or drone parts between you or your representatives and Donald Trump Jr. occur leading up to your directive titled “Unleashing U.S. Military Drone Dominance”?
- Secretary Hegseth, if conversations between you or your representatives and Donald Trump Jr. occurred leading up to your “Unleashing U.S. Military Drone Dominance” directive, please detail the date[s] and content[s] of the conversation[s] and who else participated.
- Secretary Hegseth, what was Donald Trump Jr.’s role in vetting candidates for top DoD positions?
- Secretary Hegseth, how much input did Donald Trump Jr. have in the decision making behind selection candidates for top DoD positions?

- **Secretary Hegseth, please detail the conversations DoD had with Donald Trump Jr. about selecting candidates for top DoD positions, when they were discussed, and with whom.**
- **Secretary Hegseth, how does DoD advise OSC or other procurement officials on their ethics obligations, including limits on engaging with companies closely tied to presidential administrations?**
- **Secretary Hegseth, on April 30, 2026, reports revealed that drone company Powerus, backed by the President's sons, won a contract with the Air Force for an undisclosed amount of interceptor drones. Please provide a list of each DoD contract awarded to Powerus, including the value of these contracts and contract deliverables.**
- **Secretary Hegseth, was the award process for each contract awarded to Powerus a competitive process?**
- **Secretary Hegseth, if so, what were the criteria used to determine which company would receive a DoD contract?**
- **Secretary Hegseth, how many companies competed for each DoD contract awarded to Powerus?**
- **Secretary Hegseth, please provide a list of the companies that competed for each DoD contract awarded to Powerus, including the contract with the Air Force for an undisclosed amount of interceptor drones.**
- **Secretary Hegseth, was Powerus the highest rated competitor for each contract?**
- **Secretary Hegseth, if not, which company was rated higher, and why did they receive the contract?**
- **Secretary Hegseth, has DoD had any conversations with Powerus regarding the production of drones or DoD's drone production goals?**
- **Secretary Hegseth, if conversations between Secretary Hegseth or his representatives and Powerus, Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump, or their representatives occurred, please detail the date[s] and content[s] of the conversations[s] and who else participated.**
- **Secretary Hegseth, what guardrails does DoD have in place to mitigate potential conflicts of interest of the President and his family from affecting DoD's contracting decisions?**

- **Secretary Hegseth, has DoD or any of its components issued any guidance on how to consider bids by companies affiliated with family members of President Trump? If so, please provide a copy of that guidance.**
- **Secretary Hegseth, if DoD or any of its components have not issued guidance on how to consider bids by companies affiliated with family members of President Trump, why has it failed to do so?**